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Matthew 5:17-20

BACK TO THE BIBLE

I. Introduction:

We are living in a day and age when people question every kind of _____ . No Longer:

- Is the authority and voice of the parent respected in many homes.
- Is the authority of a policeman a model of courage and honor
- Is the authority of a teacher in the classroom respected and obeyed.
- Is the authority of a boss sufficient to bring about change
- Not even the authority that comes with being President of the United States get the respect that it once did. We are living in a talk-back, fight back, get even society that is ready to resist and sue at the slightest provocation.

II. The Fulfillment of the Law

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but **to fulfill** them." Matthew 5:17

"I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the **smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen**, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished." Matthew 5:18

"For verily I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not one **jot or one tittle** shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Matthew 5:18 KJV

III. Three Things Necessary to Live By The Authority of Scripture

- _____ it
- _____ it
- _____ it.

IV. The Example of Ezra in living by the Authority of Scripture

“For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.” Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord, to practice it, and to teach it’s statutes and ordinances to Israel. Ezra 7:10

Four points.

- A. Ezra Prepared his _____ to approach God’s Word.

*Ezra had set his **heart** to study the law of the Lord, to practice it, and to teach it’s statutes and ordinances to Israel.*

- B. Ezra Prepared his heart to _____ God’s Word.

*Ezra had set his heart to **study** the law of the Lord, to practice it, and to teach it’s statutes and ordinances to Israel.*

- C. Ezra prepare his heart to _____ what he had learned.

*Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord, to **practice it**, and to teach it’s statutes and ordinances to Israel.*

- D. Ezra prepared to _____ what he had learned.

*Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord, to practice it, and to **teach** it’s statutes and ordinances to Israel.*